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AN ESSAY ON THE Golden STREET Of the Holy City :

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A TESTIMONY against the
CORRUPTIONS of the
Market-Place.

With Some Good HOPES of
Better Things to be yet seen
in the AMERICAN World.

In a SERMON, To the GENERAL
ASSEMBLY of the *Massachusetts*-
Province in NEW-ENGLAND.

3 d. 9 m. 1709.

COULÆI Vatis de *Americâ* vaticinium.
Ingenium, Pietas, Artes, ac Bellica Virtus,
Hæc Profuge Venient, et Regna Illustris
condent ;

Et Domina his Virtus erit, et Fortuna Ministra.
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To the HONOURABLE
Judge SEWALL.

SIR,

DEDICATIONS *use to be Adulations. Flattery has, for the most part, so depraved them, that they are become a trifling and an useleſſ Formality. Yea, the Epistle sometimes is, A Troubled Fountain, and a corrupt Spring.*

I addreſſ you with a SERMON; but my Addreſſ will not have the leaſt Alloy, of that Common Evil in it.

I mention your Name on this Occaſion; 'Tis for Two Reasons; And if I were on the Rack, I ſhould confeſſ no more.

First; I am ſure, You are willing to appear with me, in a TESTIMONY againſt all thoſe Ways of INIQUITY, againſt which my SERMON has

Testified. *And if this Faithfulness
Procure any Obloquy, You will Rejoyce
to Share with me in That, as well as
in the Consolation.*

*Secondly. My Prayrs and Hopes
for America, are Yours ; and I must
Acknowledge, that you first gave me
some of the Hints, which my SER-
MON brings for the Grounds of them.*

*Tho' our, Fe del Christiano, and
our, Religion Pura, cannot yet have
its Operation in the Spanish Indies,
nor our, Vrai Patron des Saines Pa-
roles, in the French ; yet let us Bait
and Wait ; and in the mean time do
all we can for, the English ; and Scat-
ter into all Parts of it, Instruments
of Piety, by which the State of Reli-
gion therein may be from time to time
accommodated. May He that Knows
your Works, graciously Accept of
them. I am, S I R,*

Your hearty Servant,

Cotton Mather.

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Pure Gold

IN THE

MARKET-PLACE.

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The STREET of the City was
Pure GOLD.

GLORIOUS Things are
Spoken of thee, O thou City
of God ! The STREET
be in Thee, O NEW-
ENGLAND ; The Inter-
pretation of it, be unto you, O American
Colonies.

The Invitation, sounds Angelically ;
But my Hearers must have it now gi-
ven them ; Come hither, and I will show
you, an admirable Spectacle ! 'Tis an
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Heavenly CITY, *descending out of Heaven, from GOD.* There is an Heavenly CITY, which the Great GOD, has Prepared for them, to whom *He will be a God* : A CITY to be inhabited by an *Innumerable Company of Angels*, and by the *Spirits of Just Men made Perfect* by a Resurrection from the Dead, with JESUS the Mediator of the New Covenant shining upon them : A CITY, where *God shall dwell with men, God Himself shall be with them*, and we shall *Inherit all things*. There will be a Time, when that *Holy City*, will be nearer to this *Earth*, than it is at this Day ; and the *Saved Nations* of the *Earth* shall after a wonderful manner *Walk in the Light* thereof. The Thoughts of the Primitive *Christians* and *Cbiliafts*, represented by *Justin Martyr*, concerning that *City*, and Some very Remarkable Passages about it, more particularly in *Tertullian*, are known to them that have Studied the *Mystery of God*. This is not a Time & Place to offer them. And, I Suppose, a great part of the Auditory, are not yet come to the Thoughts, into which I am compelled,
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on this Noble and Sublime Subject of contemplation ; and into which, 'tis observable, that *Men of Thoughts* upon it, now more generally come, *As the Day approaches*. I must say, and so say many more, and yet many more will say, with him, whom God made a great Instrument of reviving the true Doctrine of the *Cbiliad* in the former Century ; *Postquam alia omnia frustra tentassent, tandem Rei ipsius Claritudine perstrictus, paradoxo succubui.*

But shall we not imagine, that there will be then to be seen on the *Earth*, some sweet Reflections of the *Light*, which the *City of Glorified Saints* will shed down upon it ? Yes ; Tis not ill done by those Interpreters [*Provided always, they do not Exclude the Principal Intention, which they are too apt to do !*] I say, Tis not Ill done by them, who in the Vision that is now before us, look to find the **State of the Church on Earth**, after the Approaching Fall of Antichrist. We have a world of Reason to Believe, That *the Second Wo is past away* ; and that we are entring into the *Seventh Day*

Day of the *Romish Jericho*, and that black, [*But, Ob ! Let it be Brief !*] Time, when the **Trials** of the Wrath of God, & the most *Woful Plagues* that ever were heard of, are to be poured out upon the *Antichristian World*. When this fearful Dispensation is over, *then, then* comes on that **State of the Church on Earth**, which will answer the Description, that is here given us, of a *New Jerusalem*. There has been a Time, when the City of *Rome*, so extended her Privileges and her Obligations that ——— *Orbis erat* ; People *all over the World*, were the *Freemen* of that mighty City. There will be a Time, when *Jerusalem* shall be Literally Rebuilt, and People *all over the World* shall be under the Influences of that Holy City. — *Orbis erit*. The CHURCH of God, *all over the World*, shall in some sort be the City.

One incomparable Glory of the City, is now singled out for our present Meditation. **The Street of the City is Pure Gold**. I concur with *Paganus*, and conceive, That the **Street** here means, and so it may

may be translated, *The Market-Place*; the Place where the Affairs of Trade bring together a Concourse of People. The meaning is, The *Business* of the CITY, shall be managed by the *Golden Rule*. The Things that use to be done in the *Market-Place*, shall be done without *Corruption*. There shall be no *Base Dealing* in it. It is added, It is as it were *Transparent Glass*. That is, The *Dealing* shall be so *Honest*, that it shall bear to be *Look'd into*; it shall be so *Sincere*, that men shall be willing to have their very Hearts *Look'd into*. There shall be no *False-Dealing*: All shall be done with all possible *Integrity*. And tho' *Grotius* be the last man I would advise withal, upon the Prophecies of the *Apocalypse*, yet I will here take in a Gloss of his also; tis a very Good one; *Vivens semper ut in Dei Conspectu*; Men shall always Live and Act, as Remembring, that the Great GOD looks upon them.

O Happy CITY! O Golden *Sordet*, no where, no where to be found, but in a *City of God*!

The Thing which I am to *Observe*,
is,

is, That in a CITY of GOD, the **Street** will be **Pure Gold**. The *Business* transacted in the **Market-Place** of an *Holy City*, will have a *Golden*, that is to say, a *Gracious* Character upon it. *Golden* Proceedings, that is to say, *Godly* ones, will be found in the **Market-Place** of a CITY, which the Son of God, has a favour for.

My **Doctrine** is Written on the *Conscience* of all People, *as with a Pen of Iron*. I Preach no other *Doctrine*, than what will be defended by many more than a Thousand *Preachers* at this Instant in the Congregation. The *Conscience* in every one of the Hearers, will Oblige him to Consent unto it. **CONSCIENCE**, Do thou thine Office ; Run thou to and fro, thro' the Street of our City, and make men to Know, If *Judgment* and *Truth* do not Reign in the **Market-Place**, the Holy SON of GOD, will not Favour it, or Pardon it ! If a *Scripture* must be quoted on the occasion, take that One instead of a Thousand ; Jer. 31. 23. *They shall use this speech in the Land of Judah, and in the*

the Cities thereof, The Lord Bless thee, O Habitation of Righteousness, and Mountains of Holiness. The Blessed CITY, is that, in the Street whereof, Righteousness and Holiness has an Habitation; a Market-Place of Righteousness, a Mountain of Holiness. Oh! May such a Speech be used in this our Land! Grant it, Oh! Grant it, Thou God of our Salvation! — But the Lord calls upon us; Get thee up! Do thy part, that it may be so.

The Thing which I am then to Enquire, is;

What is to be done, that the Street of our City, may be Pure Gold? And, What have we to do in our Market-Place, that so our Great SAVIOUR, may Espouse us for, A City, of God, and become our Saviour?

The Enquiry shall be answered with Faithful Sayings. Oh! Let them find All Acceptation.

I. Oh! That the Street may be full of Good Men! Full of Righteous & Holy Ones. It is but an Easy Meta-

Pure Gold in the

ymie, to make the **Street**, signify the *Men* that fill the *Street*. Our **Street** will be Pure **GOLD**, when they that walk in it, are those that may be called, *The Precious Sons of Zion, Comparable to fine Gold*. There is a Work of GRACE, which is wrought by the Holy Spirit of God, in the Minds of His Chosen People. Tis in one word, the Glorious *Image of God* revived in the Soul. A *Good Work in the Soul*, is the Name, which the Sacred Oracles put upon it. This **Grace** of God is called, Rev. 3. 18. *Gold tried in the Fire*. Yea, Grace is better than **Gold**. My Friend, It is the very First Essay of Grace, to esteem it so. Oh! take up that Esteem of it; *The Gain thereof is better than fine Gold; All the things I can desire, are not to be compared unto it*. Of a very Valuable man, we Proverbially say, *He is a man worth his weight in Gold*. It may be said so of every man, that has a Work of **Grace** upon him. Yea, He is a man more Precious than the Golden wedge of Ophir. In the mean time, you know what you Read; Psal. 119. 119. *Thou puttest away all the Wicked*

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of the Earth like Dross ; therefore I love
thy Testimonies. Oh ! will you therefore
Love that Work of GRACE, to the
Glory whereof, you have in the Word
of God, so many Testimonies !

I will briefly Describe the WORK :
Let my Hearers accompany the De-
scription, with a strong Attention to
it ; a strong Affection for it !

It is a *Work*, which disposes a man,
to see the *Worth* of a CHRIST, and
feel his Want of a CHRIST, and fly
to Him for all His Great Salvation, and
Live by the Faith of the Son of God. A
Work, which disposes a man, to Hate
and Loathe all Sin, to Abhor that which
is Evil ; to Mourn for Sin, to Turn
from Sin, as the very *Worst of Evils.*
A *Work*, which disposes a man, to de-
light in *Serving* of GOD, and Employ
his All as a meer Steward, and a Good
one, in the *Service* of GOD ; and
make the *Command* of GOD the *Rule*
of his Life, and Prize the *Favour* of
GOD, as better than Life. A *Work*,
which disposes a man, to Submit unto
the *Will* of GOD in all things ; and
have his own *Will* Entirely swallow'd

up in the *Will* of GOD; and bear *Afflictions* from the *Hand* of GOD, with *Patience*, with *Humility*, with *Resignation*. A *Work*, which disposes a man to carry it well in all *Relations*; to *Do Good* unto all, with *Alacrity*, with *Affiduity*; to *Forgive Injuries*, and *Overcome Evil with Good*. A *Work*, finally, which disposes a man, to *Despise this World*, and be above the *Flatteries*, above the *Enchantments*, of it; and expect his *Chief Blessedness* in another, and a better World; in the *Heavenly World*.

O *Lovely Work*! O *Matchless Work*! A *Work*, which for ever changes into *Gold*, the *Metal* which it is wrought upon! There are some, who often *Examine* themselves, Whether such a *Work* be produced in them. Oh! Let every one of us do so! My Friend, Thou art yet a *Stranger* to the *Work*, if thou do it not. But the *Issue* and *Result* of the *Examination* sometimes is that; Job. 23. 10. *When He hath Tried me, I shall come forth as Gold*.

And now; the *Street* of the *CITY*, is *Pure Gold*, when the *Streets*

Market-Place.

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is filled with *Regenerate Christians* ; with men that have the **Grace** of **GOD**, shining in them. O *Golden City* ; where the Angels of God may look down on the **Market-Place**, and say, *There is a Glorious Work of GOD on the Souls of the People that are walking there.* The Neapolitan Poet sings of his Beautiful City Naples, It was doubtless dropt down from Heaven ! The Inclinations of the Citizens, in so near a Neighbourhood of the flaming *Vesuvio* too ; would make one fear, lest it ere long drop down into Hell ! But how much rather may the Elegy of an *Heavenly Original* be ascribed, where the Citizens are generally *Bound for Heaven* ! Oh ! Holy **SPIRIT** of God and of Grace ; Make thy *Sanctifying Work* very frequent among us ! Thou, Thou art He, who *Leadeſt into a Land of Rectitude* ! Oh ! Let our People generally breathe after this Work ; Do so ; Seek it ; Get it ; O all ye People, Every one of you !

But, if a Work of **GOD**, and of **Grace**, be desirable in *All the People*, it is most of all to be desired in those that are to Act for All the People. A

man of Bright Piety is a man of *Good Metal* : He will study to be a *Blessing* to his People ; Tis very much to be hoped, that God will make him a *Blessing* : Especially when he is called forth into any *Publick Station*. Sometimes the *Government* of a Place, is Assembled in the **Market-Place** of the City. Oh! Most Priviledged People, whose Affairs are managed, by *Religious men*, whom a Work of *Grace* has Ennobled, and made *Partakers of the Divine Nature* ! Nothing so *Desirable* ! I say unto you, Nothing, Nothing so *Necessary* ! If I were in a Church full of Kings, I would say what I do !

II. The **Street** must have no *Dirty Ways of Dishonesty* in it. I beseech you, Sirs ; Let there be none but *Just* and *Fair Dealings* in the **Market-Place**. Let all the *Actions* of the **Market-Place** be carried on with a *Golden Equity* and *Honesty* regulating of them.

I should be very unworthy to stand here, if I should be *Afraid of Dealing Plainly* with you. God and Men demand,

mand, that *Plain Dealing* be used, when *Fair-Dealing* is to be insisted on.

Sirs, NEW-ENGLAND is a Countrey, that has made a more than ordinary *Profession* of Religion. Our *Profession* is *Weigh'd* in the *Balances* of GOD. If there be any thing Defective, in the *Honesty* of our Dealing with one another, our *Profession* will have a woful MENE TEKEL Written upon it. Let a man be never such a Professor and Pretender of Religion, if he be not a *Fair-Dealer*. **That Mans Religion is Uain.** A Noise about *Faith & Repentance*, among them that forget **Moral Honesty**, tis but an Empty Noise. The men are utter Strangers to *Faith* and *Repentance*; God will *Reject* all their *Confidences*, of their being, **The People of God**, and they shall *not Prosper in them*. I have a Commission that Enables me, and Emboldens me, to say among you; **Wo, Wo, Wo**, to you Professors, and **Hypocrites**, who can make a Show of this and that Piety and Purity; but can *Cheat*, and *Consen*, and *Oppress*, and *Wrong* o-
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ther People in your Dealing with them!

It is true, I must believe, that *New-England* is not worse than other Places; There is more *Ill-Dealing*, I believe, in most other Places. Men will say so, that speak Unpassionately and Impartially, and that knows this *Wicked World*. But, O NEW-ENGLAND; There are a *Thousand* Reasons, why thou shouldest be Better than Other Places; A more Glorious Land of Uprightness! And it must be Acknowledged, That there have been Instances of *Ill-Dealing* among us, which have given horrid Scandal; Never, Never can the *Ill People* make a Reparation to their Countrey, for the Scandal and Censure and Reproach, they have brought upon it. O All you Lovers of Truth; Join with me this Day, in a Detestation of their *Evil Doings*; And as the Servant of God, rent his Garments, and fell down on his Knees, and spread out his Hands before the Lord his God, when he was told of some *Evil Doings* among his People; say with him; Ezra 9. 6. O my God, I am ashamed, and I blush to

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with *lift up my Face unto thee, my God.* If any Professors of Religion have done *ill Things*, yet RELIGION, What has *that* done? RELIGION shall wash her Fair Hands, and *Abhor* your Doings. Be it Proclaimed unto All the World, **Ill-Dealings** are not at all Countenanced; no, they are vehemently Disallowed, by the Religion of NEW-ENGLAND. We do PROTEST against them, with a transporting Vehemency, and behold with Agony the *Blood*, and the *Grace*, of our Great SAVIOUR, abused in them, with most aggravated Violations.

But I have certain MOTIONS to make; and I assure my self, that all the Good Men in the Countrey will concur to the making of them.

The **first** Thing, for which I move, is, That the **Golden Rule of Charity** may Operate, in all the Dealings of the **Market-Place**. Then will the **Street** be *Pure Gold*, when every thing is done in it, with an Eye to the *Golden Rule of Charity*. I am not versed in the Niceties and Mysteries of the **Market-Place**.

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But I am acquainted with a **Golden Rule**, which, I am sure, would mightily Rectify all our *Dealings* there. Tis that ; Mat. 7. 12. *All things whatsoever ye would, that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.* A Rule own'd among Pagans as well as Christians ; A Rule, by Nature Engraven on the mind of Man, and as readily confessed as any Principle of the *Mathematicks* : A Rule, which well attended, would soon turn this forlorn World, from an *Aceldama* into a *Paradise*. Christians, Tis a Rule for you in all your *Dealings*, To think, *Should my Neighbour deal with me as I now deal with him, would I not think my self hardly dealt withal.* Don't slight this Rule ; Don't throw it by as an Useless one ; You forfeit the Name of, **Christians**, if you do. I can tell the Name of a *Roman Emperor*, who would on such a Provocation have ordered, that you should not be called, **Christians**, any more.

That this Rule may have its *Perfect work of Charity*, Remember that Application of it ; 1 Cor. 10. 24. *Let no man seek (only) his own, but every man*
another

others Wealth. Charitably aim at the
 Benefit of Other men, as well as Your own,
 in your Dealings with them. Sir, Be
 willing that your Neighbour should be
 Benefited, and Encouraged, as well as
 Your self. Yea, Desire that he may ;
 Contribute that he may. I am certain,
 they will do so in the **Street** of the
CITY of GOD!

I will state the Rule with one rare
 Circumstance. Be willing that your
 Dealings ever should be **Transpa-**
rent-Glass. Keep always alive
 such a sense as this ; *The Righteous God,*
who Loveth Righteousness, looks into all
 my Dealings. **Great GOD,** Thou art ac-
 quainted with all my Ways. And let your
 Dealings be such, that if they should be laid
 open to all your Neighbourhood, you
 need not be Ashamed of them ; Such,
 that they will bear the *Touch-stone*, of
 the *Judgment* which all men of Honour
 and Vertue and Probity, would pass
 upon them.

This were **Pure Gold!** Were this
Golden Rule generally regarded,
 there would need no *Laws* to force
 men to be *Honest* ; the *Courts* would have
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but few *Causes* brought unto them. The *Christians* which often, often *Reflect* upon this **RULE**, and always *Conform* unto it, verily, They are **Golden Ones** ; God increase the Number of them.

The **Second** Thing for which I move, is, That all **Frauds** in our *Dealings* of all sorts, may be the *Abomination* of all that have any thing to do in the **Market-Place**. All such Things as by the Irregular & Inordinate *Love of Gold*, men are too often betray'd into ! Of the various Methods, wherein men *Deal Dishonestly* with one another, in the **Market Place**, and particularly, **False Weights and Measures**, we read, Deut. 25. 16. *All that do such things, and all that do Unrighteously, are an abomination unto the Lord thy God. May they Likewise, and Therefore, be an Abomination unto you, O People of the LORD.*

As now ;

For men to **Lye** to one another, in Dealing with one another ; *Tis an Abomination ! It was required ; Lev.*

19. 11. Ye shall not Steal, neither deal
Falsly, neither Lye to one another.

For men to put off *Adulterated* or
Counterfeited Wares ; or, for men to
work up their Wares *Deceitfully* ; When
the **Fish** is naught ; the **Tar** has un-
due mixtures ; there is Dirt & Stone
instead of **Turpentine** ; there are
thick Layes of **Salt** instead of other
things that should be there ; the
Cheese is not made as tis affirm'd to
be ; the **Liquor** is not for Quantity
or Quality such as was agreed for ;
the **Wood** is not of the Dimensions
that are promised unto the Purchaser ;
or perhaps, there was a *Tresspass* in the
place of Cutting it ; the **Hay** does
not hold out Weight by abundance ;
the **Lumber** has a false Number up-
on it ; or, the *Bundles* are not as Good
Within as they are *Without* ; Tis an A-
bomination !

For men to *Over-reach* others, be-
cause they find them *Ignorant*, or *Scrue*
grievously upon them, only because
they are Poor and Low, and in great
Necessities ; to keep up the *Necessaries* of
Humane Life, (I say, the *Necessaries*,
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which I always distinguish from the *Superfluities*,) at an *Immoderate Price*, meerly because other People want them, when we can more easily spare them ; *Tis an Abomination !*

For men to *Employ* others, and not *Reward* them according to *Contract* ; [*A Crime*, not at all the less, because the *Minister* is not seldom the *Sufferer* from it !] Or, to with-hold from the *Labourer* his *Wages*, till his *Cry* reach up to *Heaven* ; or break their *Faith* with their *Creditors*, and keep them out of their *Dues* ! *Tis an Abomination !*

To *Rob* the *Publick Treasury*, by *False Masters*, or any other *Articles* of *Charge* falsely given in ; or, to *Abett* the *Robbers*, by any *Assistance* or *Conivance* at such things in *Auditing* their *Accompts* ; This also is a thing to be *Repented* of, where any have been *Guilty* of it.

I hope, I speak to none, but those that can say ; *These are Abominable Things : the Soul of the Lord hates them ; And, O my Soul, Do thou also hate them.* I wish, All my People had such a sense

sense of some *Other things*, which I am now going to mention.

But in my way to these *Other Things*, methinks, I am stopped by something like a Dead *Amasa*, lying in the *midst of the High-way* before me.

I hope, the *Merchant*, uses all possible Caution, as well as the Lesser Dealers, to keep clear of that Blemish, *Hos. 12. 7. He is a Merchant, the Balances of Deceit are in his hand, he Loves to Oppress.*

And so well, Sirs, do I wish to your Voyages, that I would Entreat you, that for the *Manning of your Vessels* in this Evil Time, there may be no such *Unfair Methods* used, as may Entail Disasters upon them.

There is one sort of *Trade* also, about which my way of Addressing you, shall be by Reciting the words of the Excellent BAXTER. They are these ; [*His Christian Directory. Part II. Chap. 14.]*

‘ To go as *Pirates*, and Catch up
‘ poor *Negroes*, or People of another
‘ Land, that have never forfeited Life,
‘ or Liberty, and to make them *Slaves*,

‘ and Sell them, is One of the worst
 ‘ kinds of Thievery in the World ; and
 ‘ such Persons are to be taken for the
 ‘ common Enemies of Mankind ; and
 ‘ they that buy them, and use them as
 ‘ *Beasts*, for their meer Commodity, and
 ‘ betray, or destroy, or neglect their
 ‘ Souls, are fitter to be called, *Incar-*
 ‘ *nate Devils*, than *Christians*, tho’ they
 ‘ be no *Christians* whom they so Abuse.

I will go on to say ; When we have
Slaves in our Houses, we are to treat
 them with *Humanity* ; we are so to treat
 them that their *Slavery* may really be
 their *Happiness* ; Yea, in our treating of
 them, there must be nothing but what
 the Law of CHRIST will Justify. A-
 bove all, we are to do all we can to
Christianize them. I will again give
 you the Words of my Honoured BAX-
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‘ So use them, as to preserve Christs
 ‘ Right and Interest in them. Those
 ‘ that keep their *Negro’s* and Slaves,
 ‘ from Hearing of Gods Word, and
 ‘ from becoming Christians, because,
 ‘ they shall then lose part of their Ser-
 ‘ vice, do openly profess Rebellion a-
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gainst God, and contempt of Christ
 the Redeemer of Souls, and a con-
 tempt of the Souls of Men, and in-
 deed, they declare, that their World-
 ly profit, is their Treasure and their
 God.

Fidelity to the cause of Righteousness,
 obliges me, to take Notice of One
 thing more.

If there be any *English* People, who
 are concerned with our *Christianized*
Indians, but then take advantage of their
Ignorance, or their *Indigence*, or their
unchristian Love of the Bottel, to decoy
 them into their *Debt*; and then use In-
 direct and Oppressive wayes, to Exact
 an *Unreasonable Satisfaction* from them,
 and Sell them for Servants, or Send them
 out of their own Country; This
 Trade, will be a Reproach to our
Christianity, and I am sure, it will be
Bitterness in the Latter End. Certainly,
 our *Justices* will concern themselves
 to Rebuke and Prevent such Doings,
 lest the Guilt become so *Publick*, as to
 provoke the Justice of Heaven to Re-
 venge it, by *Indian Depredations*.

The Third Thing for which I

move, is ; That there may not be so much as any **Tendency** to any thing *Oppressive* or *Injurious*, in the *Dealings* of the **Market-Place**. The Thing for which I bring a very pressing *Exhortation*, is that ; 1 *Thef.* 5. 22. *Abstain from all Appearance of Evil*. If any thing *Approach* to a thing, that *Appears* an *Evil* ; Sirs, Beware of it ! There are Some *Ill Things*, too frequently done among those who would count themselves greatly *Wrong'd*, if they be not thought *Good People*. But they are things which anon, I am sure, prove a notorious *Wrong* to many others, that really are *Good People*.

I will be free with you. There are *Crooked Things* that cannot be *Numbred* ; I wish, they could be *Streightned*.

I conceive, There are some of them, in certain *Extortions*, used by some of them, who let out *Money* upon *Interest*. I mean, when they make People pay *Interest*, for a Sum, that really never was in their *Hands* ; As it is, when the *Usurer* immediately takes into his own, the whole first years *Interest*, at the *Instant* of his *Letting out* the *Money*.

I will go on to say. 'Tis a Thing of an *Evil Tendency*, for People to Live *beyond themselves*, or to take it for granted, that they must brave it out with such a *Table*, or with such an *Habit*, tho' they have not wherewithal to bear the Expences of it ; They won't take in a *Reef* of their *Sails*, tho' they are on the point of Suffering *Ship-wreck* ; tho' they must borrow, and defraud, and Whistle, and hurt other People, to Support their Vanity. How contrary, How contrary, is this, to that *Poverty of Spirit*, which must be found in all, that would have a claim to a part in the *Golden City* !

'Tis a thing of an *Evil Tendency*, for People to Run into *Debt*, when they know, they can't Run *out of it*, as well and as fast, as they Run *into it* ; so they Spend what is none of *their Own* ; They Forget that Precept, *Owe nothing to any man, but to Love one another*.

'Tis a thing of an *Evil Tendency*, for People to go from year to year, without *Settling their Accounts* ; to Jog on in a blind Confusion, and not know how much they may be gone *back-ward*,

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or whether they have any thing, they may call, *Their Own*, or no. If they would have done like *Honest Men*, their *Insolvency* should have been ingenuously Confessed some years ago !

And then, sometimes People that *Break*, deal not so fairly, so truly, so justly with their *Injured Creditors*, as they ought to do. Perhaps there are *Indirect Ways* taken, to Cover from other Men, what justly belongs unto them.

No man that understands the Gospel, will Justify such things. The **Street** is not *Pure Gold*, where such things are Practised. On the behalf of our Holy RELIGION, I do this day Testify against them ! You that Fear GOD, will do so too ; and *will come forth of them all*.

I must make a **Fourth Motion**. 'Tis, That they who have **Command** of the **Street**, would look upon themselves, as concerned *Above others* to keep all *Dishonesty* out of it.

It is the Action of a JUDGE ; Job 29. 7. *I prepared my Seat in the Street.* Sir, May your Seat always be upon

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Pure Gold: But then, your *Hand*, a Stranger to it!

We are to *Pray* for our Honourable **RULERS**. We should make that *Prayer*, That they may be alwayes, *Abble Men, such as Fear God, Men of Truth, and bating of Covetousness.* — It was once the Unhappines of *Israel*; *Hos. 4. 18. Her Rulers with Shame do Love,* **Gibe ye.** —

NEW-ENGLAND is now blessed with *Judges* in our *Courts of Judicature*, of whom there is nothing Suspected, that may *Expose* their *Tabernacles* to be *Consumed* by the *Fire* of the *Divine Indignation*. But, My **FATHERS**, while we Bless God for His Grace to You, in that thing, We will make it our *Prayer*, That a marvellous *Prudence*, and *Patience*, and zeal for nothing but a *God-like Justice* and *Goodness*, and a particular *Tenderness* for the *Widow*, and the *Orphan*, and for them that *have no Helper*, may always be interwoven, into all your *Administations*; that you may have a *Mist* always cloathing of you! But may care be taken, that all *Officers* under you,

you, may be Restrained from the *Iniquity*, which *your* Souls would so much abominate : and which will Plunge *their* Souls into a crime for which there can be no *Repentance* accepted, without **Restitution**, and therefore, 'tis rarely, rarely Repented of ! You must give me leave to tell you, There may be danger, lest that *Iniquity* grow upon us and lest the *Sinners* do multiply, where of every man that *Loves his own Soul* will cry out, *Oh ! Let not my Soul be gathered with them !* No care, I say, No care can be too much, to procure that **Felicity** ; Isa. 60 17. *For Brass I will bring Gold ; I will also make thy Officers Peace, and thine Exactors Righteousness*

Our **Market-Place** has now sitting in it a **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** to whom I must bear an Honourable Testimony.

It has been asserted, That altho' our **Publick Difficulties** and **Perplexities** have been Wonderful, yet there is no Plantation in the World, more careful to make *Honest Payments* from the **Publick Treasury**. If they have not always been Great, yet you have been careful, as well

he In well as could be, to make them Good.
 much I Believe the Assertion, and therefore
 Plunge I Publish it. The **Street** is thus far
 in there **Pure Gold**, by your Laudable Fidelity.
 without There is One thing more, that I may
 is rare take notice of. In two or three too
 ft give Memorable **Days of Temptati-**
 may be on that have been upon us, there
 on us have been **Errors** committed. You are
 where always ready to Declare unto all the
 n Soul World, *That you Disapprove these Errors.*
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 y, No kind with your **DECLARATIONS** ;
 re that **That no man may be Perse-**
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BLY And ; **That Persons are not**
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 ublick ther, by way of *Reparation*, [Besides
 s been the General Day of *Humiliation*, which
 al, as was appointed and observed thro' the
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Province, to bewayl the Errors of our Dark time, some years ago :] You would be willing to hearken to it.

I have only this to add. You have Enacted Excellent **Laws** against the ways of *Dishonesty*. A COMMITTEE of Wise Men, would soon make a Report, wherether there needs any more *Legal Provision* against them ; and whether any further **ACTS** be needful, to *Burnish* the **Golden Street** of the City. And this One thing more. Oh ! Let not the *Laws* for **Schools** be Shamm'd ; and the justice of a Good Education be withheld from the next Generation !

The Glorious LORD grant you His Direction ! Sirs, If I had not thought that the *Impoverishing Judgments* of God upon us, had this Loud Voice in them, *Learn Righteousness ! Learn Righteousness !* as much as any thing in the World, I could not have prevailed with my self, to have uttered such things in the **Street** of the City, as I now treat you withal. You will see, how I am led into these things, when you have Read ; Isa. i. 25, 26. I will

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turn my hand upon thee, and Purely Purge away thy Dross, and take away all thy Tin: And I will Restore thy Judges as at the first, & thy Counsellors as at the Beginning.

But now I have begun, I must balk nothing. There is a Third Thing to be Earnestly insisted on.

III. Sirs, There is a Branch of the River of Death, which must not Run in the **Street**. Ah, How will the ~~Golden~~ City cease to be such, and become a very Babel; except that Flood of Iniquity be dried up! A Flood, which the Dragon has cast out of his Mouth, to devour the Church in the *Wilderness*! A River, the Streams whereof do debauch, do defile, do destroy the City of our God. Oh! If the **Street** of the CITY be Pure **Gold**, there will be no Reeling there; no Spewing, upon all the Glory. The **Bottel** must not be the Grand Merchandise of the **Market-Place**. We read concerning the City of God; Rev. 22.1,2. There is a Pure River of Water of Life, --- in the midst of the Street of it. But, Oh! Let there not be in the midst of our **Street**, a River that shall carry People down into the Dead Sea, down into the Lake of Sodom. D In

In the *Wall* of the *Holy City*, we find a *Stone*, called, *An Amethyst*. The *Stone*, does in the Signification of the Name, decry *Drunkennes*. Give me leave to do the part of an *Amethyst*, or let the *Stone* cry out of the *Wall*. Yea, Tis the *Voice of the Lord* that Cries to the *City*; Oh! Let no Tendency to *Drunkennes* be seen among us! Let not *Strong Drink* make us to *Perish*!

You are not at a loss, *What is the matter*, about which I make such a Cry; Such a Repeted Cry; and will not give over doing so. I am with all possible Solemnity to tell you; such *Prodigious Quantities of Rum*, to be consumed among a People of our Engagements to be the most *Sober People* in the *World*, I must say, *Tis an horrible Thing*! I request some capable Person, to compute the *Quansities*, and then make the most Proper and Obvious *Inferences*; I am sure, they must all say, *Tis an Horrible Thing*!

The *Golden-mouthed Father* often inveigh'd against the *Sottish Vice* of *Swearing*: His Hearers asked him, When he would have done with his *Invectives*; He

He answered, *When you have done Swearing.* In my Importunities for a **Street** of Pure **GOLD**, if I am asked, When I will have done with my *Blows* upon the *Bottel*! My Answer is, *When I see it broken*; When I see, tis universally counted a *Shameful* thing to be too free with it; When I see People take it, only *When*, and *As*, it may be useful to them.

I don't move, to have the *Use* of it Banished; but the *Abuse* and *Excess* of it. And I most importunately move, That all *Sober People* throughout the Land, would set themselves to think, *What may be done*, to have **Rum** used with more of *Moderation*?

The *French* and the *Indians* have sorely Scourged us; but let it not be thought a *Paradox*, That one of the *Sorest Punishments*, which ever did or ever can befall this poor Country, is the *Great Esteem*, which this *Liquor* has among us. It makes us *Poor*; It keeps us *Poor*; whole *Families* may curse the Day, that ever the *Bottel* came into them. It will soon make us a *Despicable Country*. All our *Strength* will be

departed from us. Ah, NEW-ENG-
LAND ; Thy **Street** will not be
Pure Gold ; No, 'twill be a filthy **Pud-
dle**, a nasty **Kennel**. Yea, the *Wild-beasts*
of the *Desert* will dwell here ; thy *Houses*
will be full of *doleful Creatures*.

Instead of Propounding **Laws**,
to retrench a **Mischief**, not easy to
come at, My Proposal is ; That this
One Observation may be Spred
thro' the **Country**, and awfully consi-
dered of. Tho' this **Liquor** may be
Useful, at some time, & in some things,
yet **no Man that uses it con-
stantly will ever be Good for
very much**. It will infallibly *Stunt*
his *Abilities* ; He will discharge no
Office, as he ought to do ; It will *Besot*
him, or, at least very much *Flatten* him,
and make him very little better, than a
meer **Good for nothing**. Take
him from the *Battel*, for the **STATE**,
or for the **CHURCH**, or for the
FIELD, hee'l be a *Poor Tool* ; God will
do little by him ; hee'l never be *Ex-
cellent*. When a man stands a *Candi-
date* for any *Preferment*, I move, *That it*
may be known, whether he be a Friend of
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the Bottel, or no ? That which adds to the Horror, is ; Tis very Seldom known, that any one *Habituated* unto the use of the *Bottel*, ever is *Recovered* from it ; The *Depraved Stomach* will crave and rave after it, insatiably !

Could I make my Voice heard beyond the *Herald* of the *Temple*, I would say ; Sirs, Why should you be willing to have, your *Estates* Evaporated, your *Bodies* Carbonado'd, your *Families* wretchedly Educated : Ah, Foolish NEW-ENGLANDERS, Has the *Bottel* so bewitched you ? Why, why should you Expose your *Souls*, to the hazard of that *Lake*, from whence the *Smoke of the Torment* shall ascend for ever and ever ? All for a *Bottel* ! A Goodly Price are they valued at !

There was a Street in the old City of *Rome*, named, *Vicus Sobrius*, **The Sober Street**. The Reason of the Name was, because there was not one *Drinking House* in the Street Ah, my dear Country ; shall we not see a **Golden Street** of *Jerusalem* in thee ? But, then it must be a **Sober Street**,

You must not wonder, to see the Flame, in which I call upon you. The dreadful, the dreadful Dispensations of God, have brought us into fearful Apprehensions, How far this Country may come to be ravaged by *Papish Idolaters*. 'Tis with a trembling Soul, that I must Speak, what is now to be Spoken; If once this become a Country of **Drunken Protestants**, we can have little to plead with the Holy Son of God; why it should not be so; little to plead, why we should not fall before *Papish Idolaters*; little to plead, why the *Laodicean* Fate should not come upon us. But, ---

Gracious LORD, we put our Trust in thee, that it shall never, never come to That!

IV. There is a **Fourth** matter of Caution, which I am to leave with you; and then I will make an End.

In the **CHURCHES** of the Lord, there are the **Markets** of Truth. Let us make our *Supplications* to the Glorious **HEAD** of our Churches, That *also in them, things may go well.*

We read concerning the **ELDERS**

of the Churches, Rev. 4. 4. *They had on their Heads Crowns of Gold.* ELDERS of Shining Sanctity, joyn'd with rich Abilities and Accomplishments; Prayerful and Painful Men; Zealous Lovers of CHRIST and of Souls; Real Men of God; are such: They have Crowns of Gold; tho' on Temporal Accounts they may say with him, *Who was also an Elder; Silver and Gold I have None.* I must say, None but such are Worthy to walk in a **Street** of Pure Gold. In the Primitive Times, the Churches often kept their **Days of Supplications**, to obtain from the Glorious LORD, Holy Pastors, that should be *Men after His own Heart.* Let us ask our *Ascended* LORD, That He would Bestow such Gifts upon us. And, Praise the Lord, O NEW-ENGLAND, Praise thy God, O American Zion, in that He has Bestow'd so many such Gifts upon thee. For indeed, how many MINISTERS are still to be seen in our Churches! Yea, Young Ministers; Who continually Improve in their Attainments, and Study that they may make Improvements that shall appear unto

unto all men: *Who* work their *Sermons* into their own *Hearts*, and Fetch them out from thence, before they Preach them unto *Others*; *Who* Mind the *State of Religion* in their *Flocks*, and Suit it, with all agreeable *Admonitions*; *Who* with *Wisdom* and *Courage* Rebuke all growing *Evils* among their *People*, and warn them and arm them against the *Snares* of the *Wicked* one; *Who* set themselves to *Encourage Piety* among their *People*, especially *Early Piety*, and such **Societies** as use to be the *Incentives* and *Preservatives* of it; *Who*, bear their *Distressing* and *Abasing* circumstances, with admirable *Self-denial*, and under all their *Temptations*, comfort themselves, with the *Thoughts* of their precious *Opportunities* to *Glorify CHRIST* in this *World*, and augment the *Recompences* of the *World* to come! Our Great Saviour can make many more!

But then, the **Street** where these *Officers of Wisdom*, are to Proclaim the maxims of *Wisdom*, the *Dictates* and *Edicts* of *Heaven*; We are to *Supplicate Heaven*, That as it has been hitherto,

so still there may be, no *Doctrines* Preached there, but what shall be, **Gold** built upon the Foundation. Let me Speak it, for your Comfort and Honour; There is not a **Street** of more *Pure Gold* upon the Face of the Earth at this day, for the GOSPEL generally Preached in the true *Purity* of it, than the Churches of NEW-ENGLAND. Be Awakened, O ye CHURCHES of the LORD, Be Inquisitive, whether in this Day of common Degeneracies, there be no *Vergencies* to Another Gospel: Whether the *Doctrines* of Grace, as delivered in our **Confession of Faith**, are not in any hazard of not being duly adhered unto. If any Persons gnash their Teeth with Indignation, at the Watchmen, who advise you to be Sollicitous for the Preservation of this Great Interest; I must faithfully tell you, *Those Persons will give you great Cause to be Jealous of them.*

I must add this; As far as the **Street** of the CITY, has been *Scripturally* laid out among us in regard of the *Order of the Gospel*, it will be very ill to attempt the Alteration of it.

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Where we have a *Platform* left us, that is according to the Word of our Glorious LORD, and the *Pattern* in the *Mount*, we shall be great Enemies to our Selves, if we do not keep to it. As far as the **Golden Street** has been measured by the **Golden Reed**. Let it not be put out of a *Right Shape*, nor let a coarse and vile Rubbish, be laid in the Pavement, which ought to have none in it, but the *Stones of the Sanctuary*. God keep us, from ever being any part, or so much as a By-lane of the *Street of the Great City*, where His *Witnesses* are to be hardly dealt withal !

I happen this very Day, among certain Papers in my Study, to take up a copy of a Letter sent from a Worthy Person here, to one in England, about Seventy years ago ; in which Letter there is this remarkable Passage ; *Here is a Temple built, more glorious than Solomons ; Not of Dead Stones, but Living Saints ; which may tempt the greatest Queen of Sheba, to come and see, and allure, even Kings from far to come & Worship in.* ——— We may allow

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PEOPLE of GOD ; May these be
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lled unto us, that Word ; Isa. i. 26.
thou shalt be called, *The City of Righteous-
ness, The Faithful City.* A CITY of
such a **Golden Street**, will be a
strong City ; God will appoint Salvation
er Walls and bulwarks unto it ; while
none but a Righteous Nation, which
keeps the Truth, inhabits it. O NEW-
ENGLAND, Keep such a **Street** ;
and Sweep it, where it wants to be bet-
ter kept. Then, there will be no break-
ing in or going out ; there will be no
complaining in our Street. No, we shall
be an Happy People, I say, an Happy Peo-
ple ; for the LORD will be OUR
GOD. I will say unto you ; Joel 2.
1. Fear not, O Land, be glad, and re-
joice, for the LORD will do great things.
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God will make our *Enemies* to be found *Lyars* and *Losers* ; Our *Coast* will be under His Protection ; There will none dare go up against the *Land of Unwalled Villages*. Our God will incline the Government of our Nation also, to Remember what a *Loyal People* we have always approv'd our selves, and to cherish these *Colonies*, as *Daughters* to be highly accounted of. Yea, O *Holy City* ; Thou shalt *Lay up Gold as Dust*, and the *Gold of Potosi as the Stones of the Brooks* : The *Almighty* shall be thy *Defence*, and thou shalt have a *Plenty* of all that thou desirest.

I have been Surprised at the Reading of a Passage in a Pagan Writer, who flourished more than Fifteen Hundred years ago. Tis *Ælian*, a Grecian Writer, who sayes, That in Times long preceding his, there was a Tradition, that *Europe* and *Asia* and *Africa*, were encompassed by the Ocean, But without and beyond the Ocean, there was a great *Island*, as big as *They*. And in that Other World, there was an huge CITY, called, *Eusebus*. The *Godly City*. In that *City*, Sayes

he, they enjoy all Possible Peace and
 Health, and Plenty : And, he Sayes,
 They are without Controversy a very Right-
 teous People ; So Righteous, that they
 have God marvellously coming down
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 to make of a Tradition so very Anci-
 ent, and yet having Such an *American*
 Face upon it. All I will say, is thus
 much. There are many Arguments
 to perswade us, That our Glorious
 LORD, will have an **Holy City** in
AMERICA ; a City, the **Street**
 whereof will be **Pure Gold**. [We
 cannot imagine, that the brave Coun-
 tries and Gardens which fill the *Ame-*
rican Hemisphere, were made for nothing
 but a Place for Dragons. We may not
 imagine, That when the Kingdom of
 God is come, and His Will is done on
 Earth as it is done in Heaven, which we
 had never been taught to Pray for, if
 it must not one day be accomplished,
 a *Ballancing Half of the Globe*, shall re-
 main in the Hands of the Devil, who
 is then to be Chained up from deceiving
 the Nations. Has it not been promi-
 sed unto our Great Saviour? *Psal. 2. 8.*

I will give thee the uttermost parts of the Earth for thy Possession. And, Psal. 86. 9. All Nations whom thou hast made, shall come and worship before thee, O Lord, and shall glorify thy Name. And, has it not been promised? Mal. I. II. From the Rising of the Sun even unto the going down of the same, my Name shall be great among the Gentiles. AMERICA is Legible in these Promises. But if it be not here plainly enough expressed, what can be more plain, than the Prophecy, concerning the Kingdom of our Saviour? Dan. 2. 44. It shall break in pieces, and consume all these Kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. The Kingdom of our Saviour becoming a Great Mountain, that must fill the **WHOLE EARTH**, does particularly fill, and Change, and Bless those Countries, which belong to the Ten Kingdoms of the Roman Empire, in the Papal and Final Edition of it. Now, the American Countries, do belong to some of those Ten Kingdoms; are become a considerable part of their Dominions; And therefore, tis most certain, the Glorious Holy Mountain, will some of it stand in

in these Countries, as well as in the European. There have been **Martyrs** of CHRIST in America. The Blood of the *Martyrs* here, is an Omen that the Truths for which they Suffered are to Rise, and Live, and carry all before them, in the Land that has been so *Marked* for the Lord. Such men as they will doubtless have some Glorious Power over the Nations, where they have been Such Overcomers; They that are to Shine as the Stars, will turn many unto Righteousness; bring many to believe on the Sun of Righteousness, in these Goings down of the Sun. Tho' *Austin* knew nothing of America, yet no American could have made a better Descant, on the Mystery of our Lords Garments, made of Four Parts, to every Souldier a Part, than his; *Quadripartita Vestis Domini Jesu, quadripartitam figuravit Ejus Ecclesiam, toto Scilicet, qui quatuor partibus constat, terrarum Orbe diffusam.* The World, sayes he, which does consist of Four Parts, will have the Church of our Lord JESUS, in every Part. But O AMERICA, will no Share of the Lords Garments, and Glories,

And the *Rigorousness* of the *Saints*, fall to thee, who art a Part of the World singly almost as great as the *Other Three*? Yea, the Day is at hand, when that Voice will be heard concerning thee, *Put on thy beautiful Garments*, O *America*, the *Holy City*! Certainly, It was never intended, that the Church of our Lord, should be confined always within the Dimensions of *Strabo's* Cloak; and that, *All the World*, should always be no more, than it was, when *Augustus* taxed it. We are Sorry, we are Troubled, That the *Good Seed* of the WORD, falling on the other *Three Soyls*, has brought forth so little *Good Fruit*, and for so little a while. But our Glorious LORD, will order that *Good Seed* ere long, to be cast, upon the Fertile Regions of *America*, and it shall here find a *Good Ground*, where it shall bring forth *Fruit* unto Astonishments; and unto Perpetuity! When our Lord uttered the Parable, to which I have now alluded, we read, *He went into a Ship*, and from thence instructed the *Multitude that stood on the Shore*. I will believe, that in this very

Action,

Alſion, there was a *Parable* and a *Prophesy*. By *Navigation*, there will be brought the Word of a Glorious **CHRIST**, unto a Multitude afar off; and as the *Ships* cover the *Sea*, the *Earth*, and thou, **AMERICA**, too, *Shall be filled with the knowledge of the Glorious Lord*. The Fall of Old Pagan *Babylon*, was brought about, by the Diversion of her *Euphrates* from her. The Fall of the New Popish *Babylon*, will be accompanied with the Loſs of her *American* Intereſt: But when 'tis diverted from her, certainly it will then ſerve the *City of God*. I will add this; When we critically Examine, the Accompliſhment of the *Prophecies*, in the Judgments of the *Seven Trumpets*, whereof Six have done Sounding, we ſhall find, that by the **Sea**, was meant, *Portugal*, and *Spain*, and *France*, with the adjoining *Islands*, from the *Rhine* and the *Rhofue*, to the *Western Ocean*, and the *Peninſula of Italy*; all which are almoſt wholly Encompaſſed with the *ſea*, and mighty *Rivers*. I conceive, we are now entring into the *Dispensation* of the *Seven Vials*; One of the *First* whereof,

whereof, is *Poured out upon the Sea, and it becomes as the Blood of a Dead Man, and every Living Soul dies in the Sea.* The most Obvious Application of it, is to be trembled at ! — But it is easy to draw Some *American* consequences. I wave them ; and only say, Tis thought by Some, that *America* might be intended, as a Place where the Worshippers of the Glorious JESUS, may be Sheltered, while fearful Things are doing in the *European* World, and, [as 'tis foretold it shall be !] *The Land shall be fearfully Emptied and Spoiled ; The Curse will devour the Earth, and they that dwell therein will be desolate ; the Inhabitants of the Earth will be burned, and few men will be left.* [See the XXIV. of *Isaiak.*] Whether it shall be so, or no ; we are sure, there is a Day at hand, *When the Lord of Hosts will Reign among His Ancient People Gloriously.* In that Day, it will be impossible, for the *Holy People*, and the *Teachers and Rulers of the Reformed World* in the other *Hemisphere*, to leave *America* unvisited. It will be impossible for a People, so inspired from Hea-

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Heaven for the Propagation of true Christianity as will then be the Stars of that Hemisphere, to be unconcerned about America, and all the Ends of the World that are to turn unto the Lord; all the Kindreds of the Nations that are to Worship before Him. It will be impossible, that the Effect of the Essayes used, by Men filled with the SPIRIT of CHRIST, and able to do more than all that was done in the Primitive Times, [For, When He gives the Word, Great will be the Army of them that so Publish it !] Should not be, a conquest of America, ten thousand times more glorious, than all that ever any Cortez pretended unto ; The Kingdom here will be the Lord's, and the Lord will be Governour among the Nations. When the Holy SPIRIT of God, that River, the Streams whereof are to Make glad the City of God, shall, as He will, Run down into, and thorough the World, and make the World become a Watered Garden, and an Eden for the Lord from Heaven, and God shall dwell with men, by His Holy Spirit marvellously Possessing, and Purifying, and Enlightening of

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of them ; can you think, that *Ameri-*
ca, shall be nothing but *Miery Places*
and Marishes, given to Salt ? By no
means. O wide *Atlantick*, Thou shalt
not stand in the way as any Hindrance
of those *Communications !*]

Verily, Our Glorious LORD will
have *Dominion from Sea to Sea*. In those
Days will the *Righteous flourish*. Then
they who dwell in the *Wilderness*, & even
in this also, Shall bow before Him. They
that are of the City, shall have something
to do here for Him. O NEW-ENG-
LAND, There is Room to hope, That
thou also shalt belong to the CITY.
Thou hast already made a *Seisin* of *A-*
merica, on behalf of thy Glorious LORD.
It is in some sort His *Primier Seisin*.
The *Seisin in Fact*, which the Son of
GOD, has taken of these *American Ter-*
ritories, is, we hope, a *Seisin in Law* for
all the rest. And certainly, Thou shalt
not be cast off, when He comes into
the *Actual Possession* of all the rest. Thy
Name shall then be, *Jehovah Shammah*,
THE LORD IS THERE. And, As
we have heard, so shall we see, in the City
of the Lord of Hosts, in the City of our God &
GOD

G O D will establish it for ever more.

The Design of my SERMON, is,
To bespeak, all possible *Anticipations*
of this Felicity !

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Appendix.

INasmuch as we are now doubtless arrived
unto that Point of Time, in which we may
be under a daily Expectation, that the SE-
VENTH TRUMPET of the Revolutions
foretold in the *most sure Word of Prophecy* will
begin to Sound, and the *Great Trumpet shall be*
Blown, in the *Joyful Sound* whereof, AMERICA
may hope for a Share; it may prove an agree-
able Entertainment unto Some Good Men, to
have a Vacant Page or two, here filled with a
brief *Recapitulation* of the Things that are
Shortly to come to pass.

1. The *Seven last Plagues*, of the VIALS, are
to be Poured out, upon the Papal Empire:
These are the very *Next Things* to be look'd
for; and very *Sad Things* they will be to the
Unreformed World. The *First* of them, falls
upon the Earth, or Inland parts of *Europe*, Espe-
cially, those lying between the *Danube* and the
Adriatick. It will be a *Noisome and Grievous*
Sore. Quere, Whether not a Raging & Mora-
tal *Pestilence*. The *Second* falls upon the *Sea*;
or the Maritim parts of *Europe*; Especially,
Portugal,

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Portugal, Spain, France, and the adjacent Islands. The Event will be ; *It becomes as the Blood of a Dead man, and every Living Soul dy'd in the Sea.* The Interpretation, if I am going to give, I must break off ;

*Ostupui, Steteruntque Comæ, et vox
faucibus hæsit.*

II Now comes the End of the Tyranny, or Power of the Ten Horns, the Several Idolatrous Kingdoms, in the Divided Roman Empire. The Conclusion of the Forty two Months, in which the Ten Kingdoms, have Power of making War with the Saints, and over coming them.

III. Now comes the End of the Tyranny of the Little Horn, or Ecclesiastical Hierarchy, of which the Pope is the Head. The Conclusion of the Time, Times, and a Part, wherein the Little Horn, was to speak great Words against the most High, and to wear out the Saints of the most High.

IV. Now is the Sanctuary to be cleansed, and the Sanctuary and the Host, to be no longer troden under foot. The Conclusion of the Forty two Months, wherein the Gentiles are allowed to tread under foot, the outer Court of the Temple, or the Holy City.

V. Now the Persecuted State of the Church comes to an End. The Conclusion of the Time, Times, and Half a Time, or Twelve hundred and Sixty years, wherein the Woman is to be nourished in the Wilderness.

VI. Now the poor Vaudois, and the Witnesses of the Lord, come to the End of their afflicted condition. The Conclusion of the Twelve hundred and Sixty Days, in which the

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the *Two Witnesses* were to *Prophesy in Sackcloth*; and they must now hear a *Great Voice from Heaven, Saying, unto them, Come up hither*; and they *Ascend in the Sight of their Enemies*.

VII Now there must be a *Great Earthquake*, in which the *Tenth* (probably *France*) of the *City*, is to fall: with such affrighting circumstances, that the *Remnant* shall give *Glory to the God of Heaven*. Soon after follows, the *Restoration of the Israelitish Nation*; and this not only of the *Two Tribes*, (mixed with many who are the *Offspring of the Ten*,) who are dispersed every where, but also the *Ten Tribes*, whereof we find *Remains*, to this Day Existing, in the very Places whither *Salmanassar* so long ago transported them.

Upon the Wars of Europe.

SEVALLUS.

*Oceani fluctus CHRISTO moderante superbos,
Euphrates cedit; Roma relicta cadit.*

While *CHRIST* Commands the mighty Waves
of the tempestuous Main,
Euphrates turns, and leaves old *Rome*
to court *Recruits* in vain.

MATHERUS.

*Splendida jam Selymæ dejectæ mœnia surgent;
Et Regio Sedes nostræ Sionis erit.*

GOD will our *Salem's* glorious Walls repair;
And in it's *Light* our Land shall have a share.

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